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19th Haratua/May 2024
Te Rā o te Petekoha

Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia
Welcome to this House of Prayer



Living God's Love
Acting for the common Good
Kia ora koutou katoa — Talofa Lava
Malo e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!

Order of Service
Sunday 19th Haratua/May 2024
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Worship Leader: Nicola Teague Grundy
Organist: Colin Scarf

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Ngāti Mutunga and Te Āti Awa people and that the Spirit was in the land revealing God to them through law, custom and ceremony. We honour Mana Whenua and their continuing culture, and pray that we might all work together for peace and justice in this place.

SAFETY BRIEFING – *Daphne Pilaar*

GATHERING / Emi mai ki taua karakia

WAIATA – Wairua Tapu

Wairua tapu tau mai rā
Wairua tapu mai runga
Uhia mai ngā taonga pai
Homai tō aroha

Wahia kia tika
Akona mai rā kia ū ki te pai
Horohia kia mau tonu rā
Mōhou te tino kororia.

WORDS FOR BEGINNING / Ngā Kupu Whakapuare

Let us worship God.
It is time!

Come from every corner of the earth
from every time and place

from south and north
from east and west
gather ...
gather ...
gather ...
gather ...

For the spirit of God is being poured out upon us
even now
in this place
upon the young and the old
the women and the men
the weak and the strong
upon each of us here.

We come from different places to this sacred place
of communal caring and celebration.

In the time which we now share
may we be open to the creative spirit
of kindness and compassion.

And may we be enriched by the company of each other,
and drawn closer to the heart of life.

HYMN / Himene – Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Words: Michael Lindsay Forster 1946 © 1992;

Tune: 'Diademata' 65.65D - H&P 255

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
Let none of us despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly wise,
the foolishness of God.

All-knowing Spirit, prove
the poverty of pride,
by knowledge of the Father's love
in Jesus crucified.

And grant us faith to know
the glory of that sign,
and in our very lives to show
the marks of love divine.

Spirit of truth, arise:
Inspire the prophet's voice:
Expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

Give us the tongues to speak
the word of love and grace
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
in every time and place.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing

Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE / Kānara Whakamāmā

The spirit of imagination is a gift to all people.
The spirit of faithfulness is the gift of the earth.

The spirit of hope breathes
in the homeless and marginalised in this city.
**The spirit of freedom was announced by those who
went before us and we proclaim it again today.**

The spirit of love is Christ's gift to the church in every age.
We see the flame of the Spirit of God.

The Pentecost flame is ignited.

The spirit is dancing, moving, struggling, rising and
calling to the ends of the earth.
We have seen the flame of the spirit in our midst.

OPENING PRAYER / Inoi Whakawhetai

We give thanks for the Spirit of God
in our world
and in all people.

We give thanks for the people
who show us what the Spirit of God can do
when they allow the Spirit to work in their lives.

We give thanks for their wisdom,
for their care and concern for others,
for their generosity and courage,
and for the many ways they make the world a better place.

We give thanks for the Spirit of God in our lives,
in our own particular gifts and abilities.

May we use our own gifts of the Spirit well
so that God's Spirit will be seen in all we do and say.
Amen.

SO WHAT'S THE STORY ...?

HYMN / Himene – Come to our land

Words: Shirley Murray; Music: Colin Gibson – AA26

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth,

Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
Speak to the soul of Aotearoa
Joy in your world, and joy in your Word,

MINISTRY OF THE WORD / Ngā Karaipiture

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (CEV) – *Joy Groves*

Dry Bones Live Again

Some time later, I felt the LORD's power take control of me, and his Spirit carried me to a valley full of bones. ²The LORD showed me all around, and everywhere I looked I saw bones that were dried out. ³He said, "Ezekiel, son of man, can these bones come back to life?"

I replied, "LORD God, only you can answer that."

⁴He then told me to say:

Dry bones, listen to what the LORD is saying to you, ⁵“I, the LORD God, will put breath in you, and once again you will live. ⁶I will wrap you with muscles and skin and breathe life into you. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”

⁷I did what the LORD said, but before I finished speaking, I heard a rattling noise. The bones were coming together! ⁸I saw muscles and skin cover the bones, but they had no life in them.

⁹The LORD said:

Ezekiel, now say to the wind,^[a] “The LORD God commands you to blow from every direction and to breathe life into these dead bodies, so they can live again.”

¹⁰ As soon as I said this, the wind blew among the bodies, and they came back to life! They all stood up, and there were enough to make a large army.

¹¹ The LORD said:

Ezekiel, the people of Israel are like dead bones. They complain that they are dried up and that they have no hope for the future. ¹²So tell them, “I, the LORD God, promise to open your graves and set you free. I will bring you back to Israel, ¹³and when that happens, you will realize that I am the LORD. ¹⁴My Spirit will give you breath, and you will live again. I will bring you home, and you will know that I have kept my promise. I, the LORD, have spoken.”

Acts 2: 1-21 (NRSVUE) – Joy Groves

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews^[a] and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

REFLECTION – *Rev Nicola Teague Grundy*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us stand and affirm our faith

We believe

in God the creator who gives birth to all that is with labour and sighing and looks to the world with joy and love.

We believe

in Christ the reconciler, who is earthed in our life and enfleshed in its patterns of dying and rising, who gives honour to our reality and grace to our way.

We believe

in God the free Spirit, who weeps with our grieving's in depths of our darkness and dances among us high on life's mountains – the Spirit who finds us with newness and hope.

We believe

in the community of faith, which is born of our humanness, is nurtured in sharing and grows whole in our struggling and celebration as one people of God.

HYMN / HIMENE – **Make Spaces for Spirit**

Words: Shirley Murray; Music: Colin Gibson [HioS 96]

Pentecost Song

Make spaces for Spirit! For energy rising,
for Pentecost presence, the wind and the fire,
a new kind of language, a voice and a vision
to shift and uplift us, to rouse and inspire.

Make spaces for action by spirited people:
the leader, the teacher, the healer of ill,
the builder, the artist, the bringer of laughter,
the melding and welding of spirit and will.

Make spaces for graces, the gifts of the Spirit,
the fruit of the garden where love is the spring,
the water of blessing, the incense of worship,
the wine poured for sharing, the hope that will sing.

Make spaces for Spirit by changing of systems,
by opening prisons, by debtors' release,
the flaming of courage, the firing of justice,
the Spirit of Jesus, the coming of peace.

OFFERING / Tātou Koha ki te Haahi

(We acknowledge offering made by automatic payment and on-line banking)

We are called to make real the sharing of the gifts God has given to us. Let us offer what we have for the good of all.

Offertory Prayer

Receive these gifts, O God, and transform us through the giving, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your will be done on earth. Amen.

COMMUNITY TIME

Sharing the peace

*Let us offer the peace to each other saying:
The peace of God is here to stay.*

Notices - Sharing Joys and Sorrows

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Let us join in prayer
for the work of the Spirit around the world.

We pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli,
but pray rather for ourselves,
that we might not divide them in our prayers
but keep them both together in our hearts.

When races fight,
peace be amongst us.

When neighbours argue,
peace be amongst us

When nations disagree
peace be amongst us.

When people struggle for justice,
let justice prevail.

When Christ's disciples follow,
let peace be our way.

In silence we pray for those who are on our hearts today.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, hear us.

Spirit of justice,
Spirit of peace
Spirit of Christ,
our comforter, advocate and guide,
we pray for your Church:

**May we ever reflect your life
and your love.**

May we ever give power to

**your light and the passionate
energy of your renewing spirit.**

I invite you to pray together the Lords Prayer

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga i te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a mātou aianei
he taro mā mātou mo tēnei ra.
Murua o mātou hara
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whaka-waia;
Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga,
te kaha,
me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake.
Āmine.**

HYMN / Himene – Loving Spirit

Words: Shirley Murray: Music: Colin Gibson – AA94(ii)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

PARTING WORDS / Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga

Let us take on this week's life
With renewed hope and imagination ...

The candle is extinguished

Go out and live as citizens of God's realm.
Into God's hands, we commit our spirits.

You are a chosen people.
Through you, the family of faith may grow.
Others will know they are God's own through us.

Be empowered as you tell
Of the wonderful deeds of God in your life.
We will share the love we have received with others.

May the energy of the strong wind be on your back.
May the force of the storm not confound us.
May the caress of the northerly calm and soothe all.
May the lives of all breathe in harmony with the wind.
May the Spirit breathe freely through all of creation.

GRACE

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o to tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu. Amine**

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